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Talon Talk

Foothill High School Newsletter

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Final Exams Last Week of School

The school year is coming to a close, but that doesn't mean it's time to slack off. Au contraire! Students need to hit the books to study for the last round of finals for this school year.

Final exams will be given **June 9, 10 & 11**. School hours and class schedules are altered on test days.

There will be **no late day the last week of school** due to the final exam schedule.

Click [here for final exam details](#) on the Foothill web site.

Lend a Hand: Volunteers & Donations Needed

Foothill needs lots of parents -- *senior and non-senior* -- to lend a helping hand with graduation activities. In addition, we need parents of next year's seniors to sign up to help make 2011 senior events fun and successful.

We encourage parents in all grade levels to help with senior and graduation activities. While these events are organized by senior parents, they often times cannot volunteer to run them because they are spectators as their students take

New "In This Issue" items (above) are marked with asterisks.

Quick Calendar

June 1 -- No school.

Teacher furlough day.

June 2 -- School site council meeting, 3:30 p.m., room C-6

June 3 -- Deadline to buy Grad Night tickets

June 3 -- Senior yearbooks delivered

June 3 -- Senior BBQ & swim party, 4:30 p.m., Foothill pool/athletic field

June 4 -- Yearbooks delivered

June 4 -- Student car show at lunch

June 6 -- Senior baccalaureate service, 5 p.m., Valley Community Church

June 7 -- Grad Night & senior events meeting, 7 p.m., library

June 7 -- Athletic boosters meeting, 7 p.m., room C-6

June 9, 10 & 11 -- Final exams. See website for exam schedule.

June 9 -- Mandatory graduation practice, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., football stadium

June 11 -- Mandatory senior clearance, 9:45 a.m., front office

part.

NEW! We need volunteers to help set up for graduation and to work at the event. We also need LOTS of bottled water to hand out at graduation. If you can donate a case of bottled water, that would be fantastic. If you know of a company that would like to donate lots and lots of bottled water, that would be even more fantastic. Please contact Judi Palin at jpalin@pleasanton.k12.ca.us to help with graduation. Bottled water may be dropped off in the front office.

Please [click here for a complete list](#) of how we can use your help, whether it be through volunteer time or with donations.

Thank you for your wonderful support!

Pick Up Meds & Medical Supplies

If your student has any medications or medical supplies in the health office, these items must be picked up by a parent or other designated adult after school on the last day of school on **Friday, June 11** or the week after school ends. Remember that school ends at 11:24 a.m. on June 11.

The school office will be open the week after school ends, in case parents cannot make it to pick up medications after school on June 11.

Students will not be allowed to take home their medications. A parent or other adult must do this.

Any medication left more than a week after the last day of school will be taken to the district office for safe disposal.

Medical Forms for Next Year

New forms must be turned in each school year to allow students to have medications or medical supplies on campus.

Click [here for more information](#) about these regulations and to download the medication forms.

Questions? Contact health clerk Chris Faubion at cfaubion@pleasanton.k12.ca.us.

June 11 -- Last day of school! School ends at 11:24 a.m.

June 11 -- Senior graduation, 6:30 p.m., Foothill stadium

June 11 -- Grad Night, 9 p.m. to 3:30 a.m., City Beach, Fremont

Quick Links

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Update Your Talon Talk Info

Please take just a couple of minutes to update your Talon Talk subscription information.

Simply scroll to the bottom of this e-mail and click on "Update Profile/Email Address." You should already be checked to get the Talon Talk, listed as Foothill community-at-large.

Be sure to choose the graduation year of your student or students. We use these lists occasionally, especially during senior year, to send targeted e-mails to parents with students in specific grades.

If you have an incoming freshman in the fall, be sure to click on "Graduation Year 2014" to get on the list for that year's seniors.

Thank you for taking the time to update your Talon Talk info!

Senior parents: **DO NOT** remove yourselves from the Talon Talk list until after graduation. We will send out a special e-mail with last-minute graduation details the last week of school.

Yearbooks Arrive This Week

The yearbooks are coming! The yearbooks are coming!

Get your Sharpies ready, folks, because the much-anticipated 2010 edition of the Foothill yearbook is just around the corner.

Seniors will get a sneak peak when they get their yearbooks on **Thursday, June 3**. The rest of the students get their

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Student Spotlight

Sophomore Cameron Vaughan is honored for his short film at a Bay Area film festival. Click [here for the full story](#) on the Foothill web site.

Foothill students create an artistic bus mural, while other students win recognition for their art. Click [here for the full story](#).

Student gardeners take a field trip to a local farm and finish the school's garden greenhouse. Click [here for more details](#).

Cop Corner

This month's Cop

yearbooks the following day -- [Friday, June 4](#). Students will get their yearbooks during English classes, at the teacher's discretion.

Extra yearbooks will be sold for \$85 **cash only** starting after school [Friday, June 4](#) in room D-19. Sales will continue through [June 10](#) before and after school in room D-19. This is also when and where students who did not get their yearbooks during English may pick them up. Yearbooks will not be available during lunch.

Note from Yearbook Adviser

The yearbook is the end-product of a class at Foothill. This year's book is truly outstanding, and as the adviser, I am especially proud of it. I am equally proud of the hard work and time my students put into it all year long, trying their best to provide the Foothill community with the best yearbook to date.

Like any class, the students are bound to occasionally make mistakes. Please keep in mind that the students did try their very best. If there is a problem or concern, please contact Lindsay Franco at lfranco@pleasanton.k12.ca.us. Please do not contact the students or interrupt class time to resolve yearbook concerns. We hope you will enjoy the book, which showcases the creativity and originality of our talented yearbook staff. -- *Lindsay Franco*

Juniors: Plan for Senior Portraits

Senior year is almost here, and it all starts with senior portraits.

The company that takes the official Foothill senior portraits, Pro Image Studios, will be on campus [June 2, 3 & 4](#) during lunch to schedule senior portrait appointments.

Check your schedules so that you can make an appointment that's convenient for you.

Corner features great tips for a fun and safe summer.

Click [here for the full story](#) on the Foothill web site.

Special thanks to police Officer Ken McNeill for all the hard work he's put into writing the Cop Corner feature for Foothill.

Band Selling Discount County Fair Tickets

Avoid long lines and save a few bucks by buying your [Alameda County Fair](#) tickets in advance through the Foothill band's fundraiser.

The county fair runs June 23 through July 11. You can buy advance tickets up until the day before the fair. The last day to get discount tickets is [June 22](#).

The band is selling individual tickets, wristbands for unlimited rides, family fun packs and carnival ride coupon books. Click [here for ticket prices and the order form](#).

The ticket order form will tell you where to mail your ticket order. You may also deliver orders and pick up tickets in person if you want same-day service.

The band gets to keep \$1 for each individual ticket, \$2 per wristband, \$3 for fun packs and \$1.50 for carnival coupon books.

Thank you for supporting the Foothill band!

Summer Job? Get Work Permit

Students who plan to have a summer job must get a work permit if they are under the age of 18.

Work permit requests must be filled out **after** a student has a job since part of the permit is completed by the employer. You cannot get a generic work permit. It must be for a specific job.

Once the work permit request is completed, it must be turned in to a school office for approval, which takes about 24 hours.

Work permit requests may be turned on these dates and at these locations:

- Foothill office through June 14
- Amador Valley High School (summer school) June 21 to July 29
- Adult Ed office Aug. 3-19

No permit requests will be accepted June 15-20, so please plan ahead.

Click [here for more info online](#), including the work permit request form. The request form specifies how many hours and what types of shifts minors are legally allowed to work.

Summer School: Late Registration

Just because the deadline has passed to register for summer school doesn't mean you're completely out of luck. The school district is taking summer school registrations on a first-come, first-served basis.

Late registration will be accepted through [Friday, June 11](#). Students will be allowed into classes as long as there is still space available. Conversely, some classes may be canceled if not enough students sign up.

Click [here for details about summer school late registration](#).

Teachers Awarded PPIE Grants

Congratulations to Foothill teachers who were awarded more than \$8,200 in grants from Pleasanton Partnerships in Education through its annual Education Grant Program. Foothill teachers who won the grants are:

- James Clark -- \$1,924 for an interactive digital whiteboard
- Mary Crawbuck -- \$500 for an Internet youth journalism advising workshop
- Richard Gorton -- \$1,948 for global studies curriculum enhancement
- Craig Kelso -- \$1,725 for Turning Point for Biology
- Drew Melby -- \$1,484 for Labquest Technology equipment
- David Middleton -- \$700 for ELMO Digital Visual Presenter

Senior News

Last Chance for Grad Night Tickets

The deadline to buy Grad Night tickets has been extended to this [Thursday, June 3](#). ***This is the absolute final chance to buy Grad Night tickets.*** Tickets are \$185 each.

The price includes admission to the party, all activity fees and bus transportation (required) to and from City Beach in Fremont.

Click [here for the Foothill web site page with Grad Night info and details](#). Scroll to the bottom of that page to find the three forms that must be filled out before seniors can buy tickets.

Check the [Grad Night page](#) for a list of activities students will enjoy that evening, such as rock climbing, mechanical bull and robo-surfing. Click [here for the City Beach web site](#) to see what this awesome facility is all about.

Be sure to check the list posted on the office window to see who has already bought tickets.

Questions? Contact Patty Haykin at 998-0056 or phaykin@aol.com.

Handicapped Parking for Graduation

A limited number of handicapped parking spaces will be available at graduation, but you must request a special pass in advance.

Please contact Judi Palin in the Foothill office at ipalin@pleasanton.k12.ca.us if you need a handicapped parking permit.

Mandatory Senior Clearance

All seniors are required to check out of Foothill on **Friday, June 11** at 9:45 a.m. outside the front office.

Seniors must bring a self-addressed, stamped (44 cents), letter-sized envelope and \$2 to have a final transcript mailed to their homes.

Seniors will get their seven graduation tickets when they complete senior clearance.

Baccalaureate Reminder

All seniors participating in baccalaureate on **Sunday, June 6** should plan to be at Valley Community Church by 4:30 p.m. Be sure to wear your graduation gowns.

Baccalaureate is a non-denominational, inspirational and

voluntary senior celebration of graduation. Everyone is welcome. Click [here for all the details](#).

Senior Memory Collages

A special thanks to all the parents who worked so hard to create special memory collages for their seniors.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to display collages at graduation as planned. Instead, collages will be displayed at Grad Night for seniors to enjoy throughout the evening.

Gift Card Donations Needed

We need lots and lots of gift cards to use as student prizes on Grad Night. We're looking for gift cards ranging from \$10 to \$25 for popular student hangouts, such as Starbucks, Jamba Juice, In-n-Out, Target, Walmart, nail salons and more.

Gift card donations may be dropped in the Grad Night box in the front office. Be sure to write the amount on the gift card. Include your contact information if you'd like a tax receipt for your donation.

Don't let those unused gift cards go to waste. Donate them to support Foothill's safe and sober Grad Night celebration.

Final Grad Night & Senior Events Meeting

The final Grad Night and senior events meeting will be held [Monday, June 7](#) at 7 p.m. in the library. All committee members are encouraged to be on hand for this final meeting.

Senior Quilts

Wrap your graduating senior in wonderful memories of their Foothill years with a quilt made from their own collection of T-shirts. All parents have to do is gather favorite shirts, turn in an order form and local quilters will do all the work. Prices vary depending on the size you order.

The Foothill Athletic Boosters will get a \$25 donation for every quilt ordered.

Click [here for the information sheet and order form](#).

Graduation Keepsakes

Len Conrad School Photography will offer a wide array of photographs and other keepsakes for your Foothill graduate.

Click [here for more details](#) and pricing.

Make a Difference

You can have a maximum impact at Foothill with minimal effort by joining the school site council.

Foothill needs two parent representatives starting in the fall of 2010 and continuing with a full two-year term. The site council meets only eight times each school year for one hour after school.

The site council provides direction and approval for school goals, programs and categorical budgets. Click [here for more info about the site council](#).

If you're interested, please contact Amy Mouch at amymouch@comcast.net. Drop her a note describing who you are, your family and any volunteer work you've done at the schools.

Elections to choose new site council members conducted by ballot at walk-through registration.

CORE Fundraiser Continues Through June 8

There's still plenty of time to pitch in a few bucks to help boost the bottom line of the CORE campaign, the school district's fundraiser to help maintain programs at all schools.

The deadline to donate is June 8. Click [here if you'd like to make your tax-deductible donation online](#) or drop off donations in the Foothill office.

The requested donation is \$150 per student, but any amount is greatly appreciated.

At the high school level, CORE funding will be used for technology support and to help extra sections that have been eliminated. The district's tech match program has not funded for this year or last, and funding for extra periods has been eliminated. As of May 25, only \$84,341 has been raised for the high school level, which is 26 percent of the overall goal.

Click [here for more CORE info on the Foothill website](#).

Thank you for your support!

Deadlines for Talon Talk article submissions are the 10th and 22nd of each month. Please include all pertinent info -- who, what, where, when, why and, if applicable, how much does it cost.

Talon Talk is a twice monthly online publication brought to you the 1st and 15th of each month by the Foothill Activities & Academics Booster Club in cooperation with school administration.

Go Falcons!

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